ing and the control tower have been constructed according to the specifications of the airlines; and

(c) if so, when the air service is likely to start from there?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The State Government had constructed an aerodrome at Bhilwara in 1980-90 which is suitable for Dornier type of aircraft operations. Some changes/modifications were required in Terminal Building and operational area.

(c) It is not possible to air link Bhilwara at the present juncture due to commercial and operational reasons.

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Bridges in Bihar

3053. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY:
SHRI RAM SHARAN YADAV:

Will the Minster of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway bridges in Bihar that are more than 150 years old;

(b) the number of such bridges required to be renovated; and

(c) whether a high level committee has been set up for this purpose and if so, the details of its composition

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTERY OF RAILWAYS(SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) None, Sir.

(b) Does not arise. However, 41 of the old bridges have been identified for rehabilitation on condition basis.

(c) For in-depth study of old bridges, a committee consisting of Commissioner of Railway Safety, Northern Circle; Director Standards (Bridges), Research, Designs & Standards Organisation and Chief Bridge Engineers of Northern and South Eastern Railways had been appointed in 1986, and its report was accepted for implementation.

Expansion of Phaphaman Station

3054. SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:-

(a) whether a number of representations have been received for the expansion of Phaphaman Junction and providing stoppage of Ganga Gomati Express there; and

(b) if so, the steps taken sc far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Expansion of a Railway Station is considered based on the volume of traffic dealt with and subject to availability of funds. The station building at Phaphamau Junction is in a good condition and is provided with two waiting halls, adequate number of benches, sufficient number of drinking water taps, electric lights and fans, platform shelters and lavatories for ladies and gents. The amenities so available at the station are considered adequate for the present level of traffic. Stoppage of Ganga Gomati Express at Phaphamau is not justified.